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[Campaign underway to promote "Amateur Radio Parity Act"](#)

The measure, introduced in the US House with bipartisan support on June 25, would call on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions (homewoners' covenants) regarding antennas.

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[Sunspot number drops to zero](#)

For the first time in nearly 3 years, the sunspot number dropped to zero. Is Solar Max finished?

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[Fox-1C satellite to launch with amateur FM repeater](#)

AMSAT is excited to announce a launch opportunity for the Fox-1C Cubesat in the third quarter of 2015.

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[VHF simplex for hundreds of miles from a fire tower in Tennessee](#)

N4AOW has a fire tower atop a mountain in Tennessee. One ham searched to learn more about the tower and the man who built it.

Editor's note

I had the pleasure of speaking to N4AOW earlier this week during my daily commute in to Nashville. He had one of his beams pointing to a local Nashville repeater, easily making the ~170 mile VHF QSO out of East Tennessee. --KK4HSX

[CQ VHF magazine](#)

[Do you have a cool SQL card?](#)

KB6NU asks readers to send in scans of their favorite SQL cards for display on KB6NU.com.

[KB6NU.com](#)

[Photos working DX from Cannon Mountain, New Hampshire](#)

I only operated for 10 minutes, but worked two German stations. The view was extraordinary.

[amateurradio.com](#)

Now you can spy on the spies using free web-based shortwave radio

Unlike regular stations with local news bulletins, music and talk shows, numbers stations feature broadcasts where a computerised female voice reads out endless lists of numbers or a child recites an endless series of letters.

[International Business Times](#)

How Arecibo Observatory Transmits to the ISEE-3 Spacecraft

We were talking about the ISEE-3 spacecraft during lunch at Arecibo Observatory some day in early June, just another day on the job.

[The Planetary Society](#)

HAARP facility being dismantled piece by piece

The US Air Force has given the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) facility in Gakona, Alaska, a death row reprieve of sorts.

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How to

Lightweight antenna masts -- a few thoughts [PDF]

Lightweight masts make portable operation easy, but there is a skill set required to get the most out of your mast. SOTAbeams offers a few tips to consider.

[SOTAbeams](#)

Designing a truly portable SDR

A portable SDR (software defined radio) system based on a Toshiba Encore 8" Windows tablet, FunCube Dongle Pro+, and supported by the excellent SDR# application.

[The SWLing Post](#)

Repeater operation tips for new Hams

For new Hams, AF4TZ describes the difference between CB and Ham lingo when operating on a repeater system.

[rsmt.org](#)

Video

Web based radio control interface

W2CYK has created a web interface that can program frequencies into a radio connected to a Raspberry Pi.

[YouTube](#)

ISS cargo ship activities to air on NASA TV

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International Space Station (ISS) on Monday, July 21, and the launch and docking of its replacement Wednesday, July 23.

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Finally...

[View of the radio industry as it existed in 1940](#)

1940s era film introduces the new industry of television, emphasizing its need for specially skilled workers.

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